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**Amendments to the Claims**

The following claim amendment is made relative to original patent (U.S. Patent No. 5,848,492). The following amendment reflects previous amendments to the claim and the current amendment which deletes the comma appearing at the end of line 2:

11 (thrice amended). A method for defoliating grape vines comprising:

generating a flow substantially comprising [of] superheated steam; and[,]

delivering the flow of superheated steam to basal leaves adjacent to developing grape berries.